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SENATOR BROMM: ...if you follow me. I would like to know whether the prospects are good that this is going to be a successful investment somehow. Secondly, I do have concerns about the pricing of ethanol as a component of gasoline. I have concerns. These plants need to try to make money and there's no question about that. But we would be well served if, when corn is \$1.80 and if ethanol production is competitive, if the price at the pump would somehow reflect the increasing price of oil and the low price of corn to some extent, at least to the tune of two or three or four cents a gallon would just make all the difference in the world in...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...terms of the sales in this state. And you wouldn't need LB 75 and things like that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. On the Dierks amendment, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. Senator Bromm, I listened to what you had to say and I agree with that. But I also look at the plants in this state, the two wet mill plants, I believe there's only two. If I'm wrong, would someone please correct me. The products that are turned out of those plants, sure alcohol is one of the products that comes out of there, all of the corn sweeteners, the cattle feed, the gluten, the plastic, it just keeps going and going and going. The products that can come out of that one little kernel of corn, it's just fascinating. It's fascinating. And I wonder what would happen if all of a sudden someone comes along and says there will be no more fossil fuel used in this world. What would we do? You can bet that anything that would ferment would be producing alcohol, and you can bet your sweet life that someone would come along with an internal combustion engine which they have now that would burn exclusively on alcohol. And it's no wonder that there is opposition when we start talking about the corn milling plants and so on and so forth. Certainly there will be. And you know who's providing that opposition, as plain as the nose on your face. If I was going to do a study that said that engines will blow up if you